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## A final farewell to Carnaval 57



Islanders dedicated one more night to the spirit of wild abandon in bidding farewell to Carnaval 57 with the burning of Rey Momo on Tuesday, the eve of Ash Wednesday. According to folklore, Rey Momo is a pagan figure, the son of nightmares and the dark of night. He presides over the feast of lunatics, and is the master of cruel satire, sarcasm, and merciless irony. He is also the protector of those who give in to a life of

excesses and festivities. In today's terms, Rey Momo is the original king of party animals, and Aruba's Carnaval is the ultimate party!

Several island bands and the full contingent of Carnaval royalty gathered at the Aruba Entertainment Center on the eastern outskirts of Oranjestad where thousands of islanders gathered to watch the effigy of Rey Momo set alight.

At 12:01 a.m., the official beginning of Ash Wednesday

and Lent, Rey Momo burst into flame, providing an impressive conflagration that ended with a final spurt of fireworks. The spirit of Carnaval 57 was laid to rest, only to rise again, like a phoenix from the ashes, to be resurrected as tradition demands, on the 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour, and this year making it 11/11/11/11, when Carnaval season 58 will officially commence.

by Rosalie Klein

## Queen Beatrix visits Qatar to boost economic ties

MANAMA, Bahrain -- Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands yesterday started a three-day visit to Qatar, during which several agreements related to arts, energy and business were expected to be signed.

The Queen is accompanied by Dutch Heir Prince Willem-Alexander and his wife Princess Maxima, as well as an economic mission by CEOs of Dutch companies led by Deputy Prime Minister Maxime Verhagen and the Chairman of the Confederation of Netherlands Industry and Employers Bernard Wientjes, the Dutch ambassador in Doha said.

Among agreements to be signed will be a memorandum of understanding between the Museum of Islamic Art (MIA)



and the Dutch Rijksmuseum Amsterdam on art conservation, ambassador John Groffen said.

According to the Dutch ambassador, other areas of cooperation in the field of energy would also be discussed.

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## More Ivory Coast bloodshed as Gbagbo snubs mediation

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AFP) – More deadly violence erupted in Ivory Coast after a rally by followers of the internationally recognised president, as his defiant rival Laurent Gbagbo snubbed an African Union mediation bid.

At least three men and a woman were the latest victims of an increasingly bloody post-electoral crisis, which the UN fears could become a full-blown civil war, when they were shot dead in Abidjan's Treichville neighbourhood.

According to medics and AFP correspondents at the scene, the four were killed in violence which flared following a rally by hundreds of supporters of Alassane Ouattara, who was Gbagbo's challenger in November's run-off.

Several other people were wounded in the violence which comes only days after seven women were shot dead at a similar a rally last week.

Witnesses also said that a police bus was torched in Tuesday's flare-up which again underlined how the situation is deteriorating while the continent's leaders struggle to persuade Gbagbo to relinquish the presidency.

A Republican Guard member, speaking on condition of anonymity, said some of his colleagues chased young demonstrators "armed with Kalashnikovs".

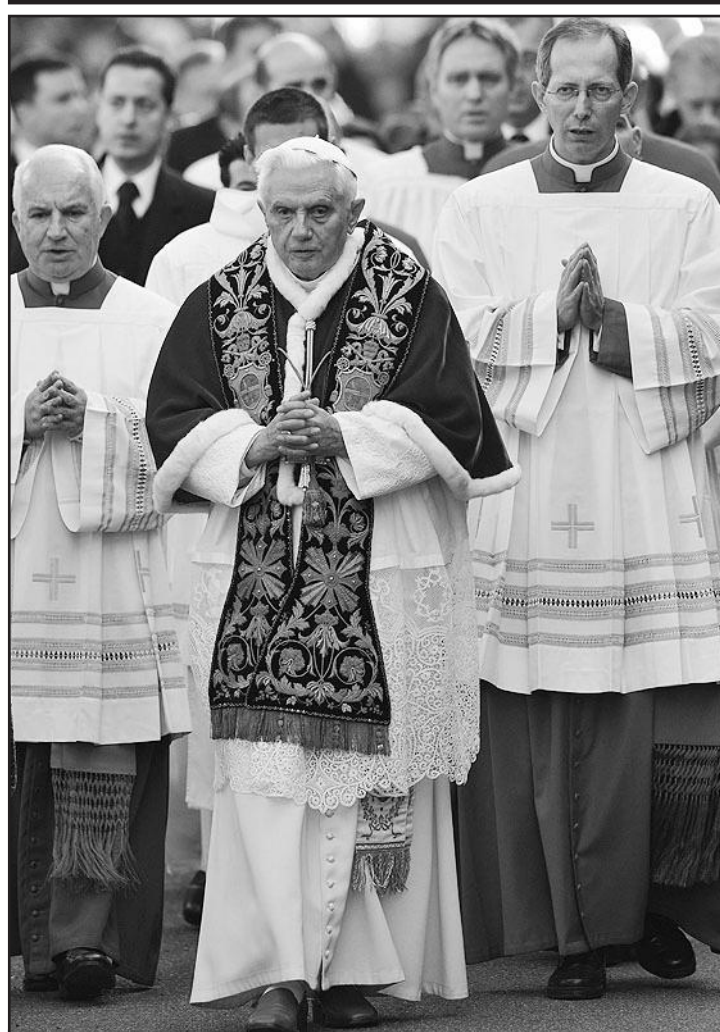
"If there were deaths, it is not because of us," he said, adding that the youths had also looted several shops.

Witnesses also said some

locals were hit by stray police bullets.

Although both Ouattara and Gbagbo have been invited to talks at AU headquarters in Addis Ababa, Gbagbo's Ivorian Popular Front party said their man would not attend "because of the deterioration of the domestic security situation".

The African Union invited the rivals to talks in its latest bid to end a dispute that has deteriorated into the worst conflict since clashes in 2004, with at least 370 people killed since mid-December, according to UN figures.



ROME, Italy : Pope Benedict XVI (C) walks in a procession from Sant'Anselmo basilica to Santa Sabina basilica before leading the Ash Wednesday service in Rome. Ash Wednesday opens the liturgical 40 day period of Lent.  
(AFP PHOTO)



KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, Texas -- US space shuttle Discovery deploys the chute as she glides in for landing yesterday at Kennedy Space Center, Florida. The oldest and most traveled space shuttle, Discovery, landed back on Earth after its final space flight and will now end its days as a museum piece to delight the crowds. The shuttle cruised onto the runway at Kennedy Space Center at 1657 GMT, wrapping up a rich, 27-year career in spaceflight that has spanned more distance and endured longer than any of the remaining three US shuttles.  
(AFP PHOTO)



LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, Ras Lanuf : Flames and heavy black smoke rise from an oil pipe that was hit in a blast yesterday near an oil facility in the town of Ras Lanuf.  
(AFP PHOTO)

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## More than 60,000 starlings fly over Utrecht

UTRECHT, The Netherlands -- The sky above Utrecht neighbourhood Hoograven, was the site of a strange phenomenon yesterday. Approx-

mately 60,000 to 70,000 starlings took flight in a large cloud of symmetrical shape and form.

Such a large flock of birds over an urban area is extraordinary, said a spokesperson from the Dutch organisation for the protection of birds.

Adding to the spectacle were two of the neighbourhood's resident peregrine falcons. These birds are known to prey on starlings and indeed, the spokesperson said these two are "regularly snacking."

According to the spokesperson, the starlings have been in a swarm above Hoograven for the past few weeks, but over the last few days more birds have joined the cloud, making it unusually large.

These clouds of starlings can be a nuisance. The city of Utrecht says there have already been seven reports of bird-related nuisance filed in 2011. Most of these were linked to noise and excrement.

Starlings join these "clouds" from late summer to early spring to avoid birds of prey which become disoriented by their fast-moving formations. The probability of an individual starling being caught by prey in such a cloud is very small, says the spokesperson.

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## Aruban hospital workers strike for salary increment



Hospital workers on strike

ORANJESTAD -- After months of fruitless negotiations with administrators of the Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital, union workers went on strike on Monday morning, March 7, only providing their Sunday skeleton staff. Urgent services and operating room procedures are taking place normally, but various departments are experiencing serious slowdowns because of the work stoppage.

Union employees are gathered under a large shade tree and periodically marching in front of the hospital or rallying in the lobby to the cry "Who has our money?-AZV!!", the government department which administrates Aruba's national health plan and provides the hospital's annual funds.

The contract with the hospital worker's union, ABV, expired in 2010; since then negotiators have not been able to reach an agreement on the requested salary increment. "We have not seen any increase in our primary salary for three years," explained ABV Vice-President Gina Maduro, standing in for President Bert van Putten, who had a heart attack on Tuesday. "We only received a slight increment on our secondary pay, our Christmas bonus, and a few more paid vacation days. What we are looking for now is a cost of living increase of 105 Aruban florins per month (\$60) for all union employees, and an 18-month contract. The hospital is offering 50 Aruan florins for the first year, and an additional 55 after that, but this is not acceptable to the workers."

Workers are also concerned in receiving augmentation to their primary income as this has long-term effects on their pensions. The union comprises approximately 700+ of the



Disgruntled workers stage a sit down in the shade

more than 800 who work at the hospital. A 105 Aruban florin increase would mean an addition 1,890 Aruban florins over 18 months. The hospital's counter-offer is less than half, totaling 930 Aruban florins for that time span, with renegotiation put off for an additional six months.

Union representatives met with Government Mediator-Julio Quijada on Tuesday and hospital administrators sat with him yesterday afternoon to explain their point of view. "The mediator told us that this is not a government problem and no additional funds for our salaries will be forthcoming," reported Gina of their meeting with Quijada. "He said the hospital will have to examine their priorities and place more on the needs of its personnel; we will have to work this out between us. Both parties are to sit with the government mediator again on Friday."

John Hun, Manager of one of the hospital's "back of the house" facilities, which staffs the kitchens, reported his de-

partment is operating as it should, as promised by union management, but was disrupted on Tuesday, with meals for the patients not getting out on time. A call to the union managers remedied the situation, as they impressed on the employees that the patients must not suffer during their dispute.

The Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital administrators have seen their budget cut by AZV each year, which also makes operation, improvement of facilities, and purchasing equipment along with augmenting salaries tougher for hospital administrators. "I understand both points of view in this situation," commented Mr. Hun, "the employees certainly deserve to see increases in their pay at this point, but the hospital is trying to operate with less funds. Unquestionably, this creates an impasse in reaching an agreement. We are doing the best we can to provide proper care under the circumstances."

by Rosalie Klein



## Purchasing property in Aruba: Retirement home or investment - why not both?

As the Caribbean's #1 return destination, we are all aware of how visitors are quickly won over by Aruba's many assets; the perfect weather and charming people always invoke thoughts of making it a winter or retirement home. Terry Orgel and her husband Richard made just such a choice when they toured the cozy Jardines Del Mar community adjacent to Eagle Beach a few years ago, purchasing not only a townhouse for their personal use, but an identical 3 bedroom/3 bath home as an investment.

"We were particularly impressed with the quality of construction and design; we love the high cathedral ceilings, along with the layout of the community," explains Terry, "the way the grounds and homes are maintained have convinced us we made the right choice."

Terry and Richard, natives of Memphis, also appreciate the feeling of small town community to which they were accustomed, and love the way they have come to know all their neighbors. They spend their winters on Aruba from December to April, and six weeks in the summer, escaping the worst cold and heat back home.

The unoccupied townhouse is in pristine condition; they are now putting it up for sale at the pre-construction price they paid for it, \$395,000. This is 20% less than the developers are asking for a new unit. "When we purchased, we considered renting it out, but then decided we just wanted to simplify our lives and not be landlords. We also believed real estate prices could only go up, but the world situation has changed, and we realize we need to be flexible."

Their prime corner units have larger kitchens and terraces than the other Jardines Del Mar properties, along with more windows, spacious rooms with large closets and a huge walk-in closet in the master bedroom, for a total of 2,000 square feet. The kitchen has brand new stainless steel appliances and a microwave, which is included in the sale price, and there is an additional outdoor kitchen and terrace, where they installed a barbecue in their home and entertain frequently. The management boasts a full time concierge, wi-fi, excellent security, and the complimentary fitness room will be completed by the end of 2011. For those considering owning property on Aruba, Terry may have exactly what you seek, at quite a bargain price. For more information call Terry at 743-1265; she can answer many of your questions regarding being a homeowner on Aruba based on her own experience.

The Orgels will continue to live at Jardines Del Mar even after the sale of their property. They love the section of Eagle Beach which is only a block away, and Terry regularly participates in water aerobics at Windie's Water Sport Center, which is right next to their community. "Buying our own home in Aruba was the wisest thing we ever did; we couldn't be happier. We encourage anyone considering this move to take the plunge, it was well worth it!"



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## Aruba Police Force says farewell to two of its members



Recently, the Aruba Police Force said farewell to two colleagues, who are retiring to enjoy their well-earned pension.

Mr. Paul Schmidt celebrated his 60th birthday in January, after 21 years with the Police Force. He began working at the age of 17, spending 21 years at Garage Cordia as a mechanic. He joined Police Force at the age of 39; his last job was as Garage Coordinator at the

impound facility in Balashi

Mr. Jose F. Anthony has more than 35 years with the force; He first joined the uniformed ranks, afterwards advancing to a position as detective, and ultimately, coordinator at the Noord station.

During the farewell event, Chief Commissioner Adolfo Richardson together with two colleagues did a review of their service trajectory, expressing their opinion and

suggestions on the necessary changes in order to improve the job of a police officer and for the progress of the force. In the name of all their colleagues, he thanked the two loyal employees for their many years of dedication to their job, awarding the beautiful plaques and a remembrance gift.

Also mentioned was the important role that family members play and the influence they exert, in helping



their loved ones achieve the success and dedication necessary for a career with the Police Force. He wished them all the best and many years enjoying their pension.

Photos show Mr. Anthony and Mr. Schmidt with Chief Commissioner of Police, Adolfo Richardson; surrounded by their colleagues.







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## Sci-Tech

# Super sense of smell not innate

PARIS (AFP) - World-class "noses" in the perfume and wine business are not born with an outsized sense of smell but acquire it through years of professional sniffing, according to new research.

In experiments with novice and veteran perfume makers, French scientists found that the ability to detect and identify hundreds, even thousands, of different odours depends almost entirely on rigorous training.

"To be a 'nose' you have to practise, just as a pianist plays his scales," said Jean-Pierre Royet, a neuroscientist at the Universite Claude Bernard in Lyon, France, and the main architect of a study published this week in the journal Human Brain Mapping.

Over time, the study also showed, activity in the brain shifts from the area that governs conscious effort to a region in which actions are performed automatically, like breathing or swallowing.

This makes it possible to graduate from technical competence to artistry, the researchers argue.

In the same way that musicians can be more creative once they no longer need to concentrate on technical virtuosity, great perfumers can conjure new scents just by imagining -- and mentally mixing -- the smell of indi-



vidual ingredients.

Previous research had shown that constant training changes the brain activity of musicians and athletes, but no one had investigated whether the same would hold for olfaction, the ability to detect odours.

To find out, Royet and colleagues enlisted 28 volunteers, half of them student perfumers, and the other half scent makers with five to 35 years in the business.

The researchers scanned the brains of both groups during two kinds of tests. In one, the subjects were asked to identify dozens of odours selected from a standard palate of 300 chemicals.

In the other, they had to imagine the smells after looking at their chemical names.

Both groups scored well in the two tests though, not surprisingly, the old pros were more accurate and faster, especially when it came to retrieving the smells by memory.

What surprised the researchers is that different

parts of the brain lit up.

For novices, activity was more concentrated in a region, called the frontal cortex, responsible for conscious perception.

For the veteran sniffers, neurons fired more vigorously in the parahippocampal gyrus, an area involved in memory recall and mental imagery.

"Our findings demonstrate the extraordinary ability of the brain to adapt to environmental demands and reorganise with experience," Royet said by phone.

They also show that "mental imaging of odours develops from daily practice and is not an innate skill," he added.

Not all experts agree that odour detection is purely a matter of learning.

Patrick MacLeod, former head of the Laboratory for Sensorial Neurobiology, near Versailles, says that olfactory thresholds vary dramatically.

"No two people will ever smell the same thing in the same way," he noted. "When we perceive an odour the exact nature of the sensation that is produced depends as much on the observer as the object."

In experiments, he has shown that a small quantity of a given molecule may be imperceptible for one person and easily detected by another.

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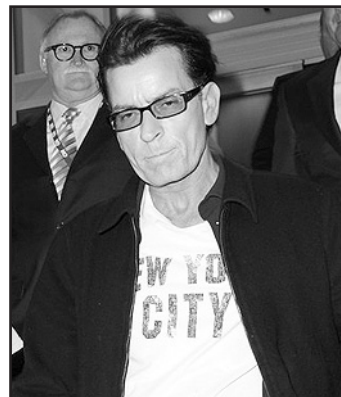
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## Want less Charlie Sheen? There's an app for that



**Monday February 2011. Charlie Sheen, leaving the CNN building after an interview with Piers Morgan**

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - A global art collective on Tuesday released an antidote for online Charlie Sheen overload -- software that edits the headline-grabbing celebrity out of Web pages.

"Tinted Sheen," computer code crafted by Greg Leuch for Firefox or Chrome Web browsers, promised to delete Sheen's name and block out his image.

"Sorry Charlie, but it is time to leave the Internet and

go back to your porn family," said a message at the Free Art and Technology Lab website, where the browser plug-ins were available for download.

"Let this be the hangover cure for the #winning buzz from which everyone is still recovering."

The collective, referred to by the acronym F.A.T., is known for works with Internet Age themes.

"This is so brilliant, it's art," a person with the screen name 'Sheenaholic' said in a F.A.T. comment packed mostly with praise for the software.

Sheen's mantra of "winning" has taken the Internet by storm and more than 2 million people follow the star on Twitter.

Sheen was sacked on Monday from the hit TV series "Two and a Half Men" after slamming its producers in rambling outbursts described by Warner Brothers as evidence of the troubled actor's "self-inflicted disintegration."

## Tiger poo repels Australia's pests: scientist



SYDNEY (AFP) - Tiger poo is an effective new weapon in warding off animal pests, scientists said Wednesday, after years of experimenting with big cats' faeces collected from Australian zoos.

A team from the University of Queensland made the discovery as they researched non-lethal ways to keep herbivores, such as goats and kangaroos, away from certain plants, Associate Professor Peter Murray said.

While such repellents are typically based on offensive smells like rotten eggs, blood

or bone, using tiger poo came from the idea that "if you can smell a predator nearby you would probably want to go somewhere else," he said.

Murray and his team, who have worked on the project for eight years, conducted tests on goats in a small paddock, placing the faeces taken from local zoos near a feeding trough and monitoring events with a video camera.

They found big cats' faeces a more effective deterrent than those of other predators.

"The goats really didn't like it. They wouldn't go near the trough," Murray told AFP. He said old goat carcasses also proved effective in warding off goats, but the smell was so bad that it made the scientists feel sick.

The researchers also found that the faeces worked best as a deterrent when the tiger had been fed the animal being targeted.

## Marie Curie dubbed 'greatest Polish woman'

WARSAW (AFP) - Marie Curie-Sklodowska, the Polish-born mother of modern physics, has been dubbed the "greatest Polish woman of all time" by Internet users in poll released Monday by the Museum of Polish History.

Born in the Polish capital Warsaw in 1867, in 1891 she moved to Paris to continue her studies in physics and mathematics where she met and married Pierre Curie in 1895.

She is famed for having isolated the elements of polonium and radium, promoting the use of the latter for therapeutic purposes.

In 1903, Curie-Sklodowska was awarded her first Nobel Prize for Physics for her research into radiation and she received a second Nobel Prize in 1911 for chemistry.

Marking 100 years since she was awarded her second Nobel prize, the Polish senate has dedicated 2011 to Curie-Sklodowska.

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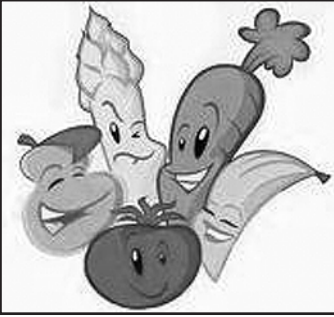
- Play time for babies and toddlers should be fun for both the young ones and their parents. The U.S. Home Safety Council says parents should check all toys to make sure they're safe and age-appropriate for children. It offers these guidelines:
- Use a toilet paper roll to gauge safe toy size. (Toys should be too big to fit into the child's mouth.) If any of your young one's toys fit inside the toilet paper roll, they probably are a choking hazard.
- Inspect toys to ensure there are no broken parts.
- Search your home for any tiny toys or parts that could pose a choking hazard.
- Store toys and games designed for older children out of reach of younger ones.
- Avoid toys with cords or strings that could become wrapped around a child.
- Keep latex balloons away from children.
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### Vitamin water: Better than plain water?

Vitamin water is fortified with various vitamins and other additives, and some include sweeteners that add calories. If you're eating a balanced diet or taking a multivitamin, you won't likely benefit from drinking vitamin water. If you're trying to lose weight, the calories in vitamin water will only work against you. As always, it's important to check the label for ingredients. Remember, fruits, vegetables and other whole foods are the best sources of vitamins and minerals. And it's tough to beat plain water as a healthy, no-calorie drink. If you don't care for plain water, try sparkling water or a squirt of lemon or cranberry juice in your water.



### Lack of sleep can make you overly optimistic, says study



WASHINGTON (AFP) — When people do not get enough sleep, they tend to make overly optimistic decisions and may be more prone to risky gambling, US researchers said.

The study published in the journal Neuroscience provides scientific evidence for what casino managers have long known -- that flashing lights and ringing slot machines encourage gamblers to keep going until their money is gone.

Scientists used magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) to examine the brains of people who had spent a night of disturbed and shortened sleep compared to their better-rested counterparts.

The scans showed in-

creased activity in the parts of the brain that assess positive outcomes, and decreased activity in the areas that process negative outcomes. "Using a risky decision-making task, we showed that sleep deprivation shifted most persons' bias from avoiding loss to pursuing gain," said the study by Duke University researchers in North Carolina and Singapore.

The study examined 29 healthy adult volunteers with an average age of 22, and asked them to perform a series of economic decision-making tasks after a normal night of sleep and again after a night of sleep-deprivation.

Sleep deprivation "appears to create an optimism bias; for example, participants behave as if positive consequences are more likely (or more valuable) and as if negative consequences are less likely (or less harmful)," it said.

Drinking caffeine, getting fresh air or exercising are not enough to combat the effects of fatigue, said lead author Vinod Venkatraman, a graduate student in Psychology and Neuroscience at Duke.



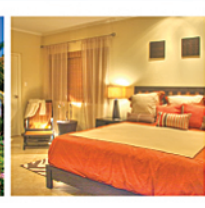
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## Veteran island visitor Martha Zawacki hopes someone will adopt her new friend



**Squeaker has buddies around Blue Village**

Martha Zawacki of Connecticut has been vacationing in Aruba annually for the past 28 years; she discovered Blue Village four years ago and it is where she spends 3 months escaping the worst of winter. During her first stay there she befriended an adorable calico cat she named "Squeaker," because that is the only sort of

sound it made, and it became her constant companion during her visit.

Squeaker was neutered and is a recognized member of the Blue Village crew, fed and coddled by regular visitors. "I would have loved to take Squeaker home and made her my own," explains Martha, "but I am actually terribly allergic to cats and would not be able to have her in my house. I

can tolerate it for the time I am here, but I have to wash my hands every time after I touch her. It is unfortunate, because she is such a sweet and loving companion." Every year, Squeaker greets

Martha to Aruba and stays by her side all during her vacation.

Despite not being able to take her home, Martha was comforted by Squeaker's acceptance and care at Blue Village, though she was distressed to learn that a group of boys on vacation for college spring break had been cruel to her, and one of the employees had to rescue her from the dumpster where she was tossed.

This year, Squeaker turned up at Martha's door with a

friend in tow, a beautiful grey and white male that Martha is certain must have a bit of Angora mixed in. She has been caring for both cats during her stay, but as her departure approaches, she has some concerns for her new unnamed friend, and would hope to find him a home before she leaves on Tuesday, March 15.

Martha is going to foot the bill for his being neutered before her departure, and is sending out a plea for anyone who would care to adopt this sweet and lovely young cat to contact her at 564-6887.

She has heard about the



**Martha and her new friend**

Cas Animal Foundation on Aruba, which is dedicated to rescuing stray animals, and would hope to do some volunteer work with them when she returns next year. Even though allergies prevent her from taking in strays personally, she would still hope to help rescue them from the streets and see they get proper care and a good home.

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Surfi has a chip, just like the other donkeys. This way she can be recognized and all her medical information is on it. All the donkeys at the sanctuary are well-cared for: they get their food and drink and when they are sick the vet is called. Yes, they are expensive customers. The volunteers try to cover the cost by organizing all kinds of activities and sell-

ing nice souvenirs in the store. Fortunately there are visitors who adopt a donkey now and then, who donate money or who buy something in the store. They help keep the sanctuary afloat that way.

The volunteers are now looking for people who wish to adopt Surfi. She will stay at the sanctuary, of course; the only thing that is needed is that AWG. 30,- per month is paid for her keep. In this way you help support this wonderful donkey as well as the sanctuary. You will receive a nice document and a super T-shirt. And if you like, your name and photo will be posted on our website. The sanctuary is open on weekdays from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and in the weekends from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.; visitors are very welcome. The sanctuary is also a great place to drink cup of coffee or a juice or eat an ice cream.

Please call the Donkey Sanctuary at 593 2933 and become Surfi's new family member; you can also register as an adoptive parent via our website [www.arubandonkey.org](http://www.arubandonkey.org). or deposit a donation on our Aruba Bank account 40.03.025. Please help!



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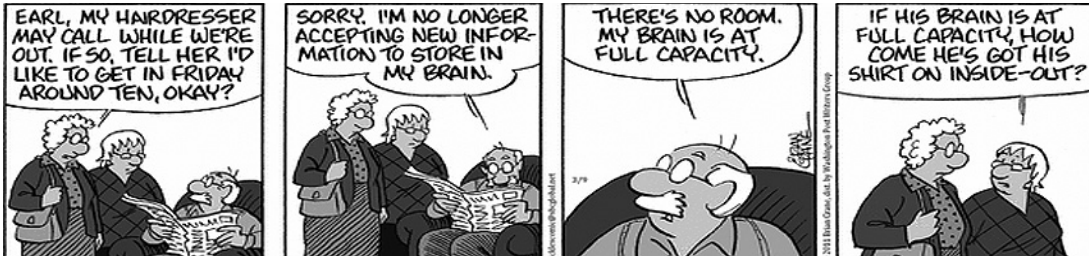
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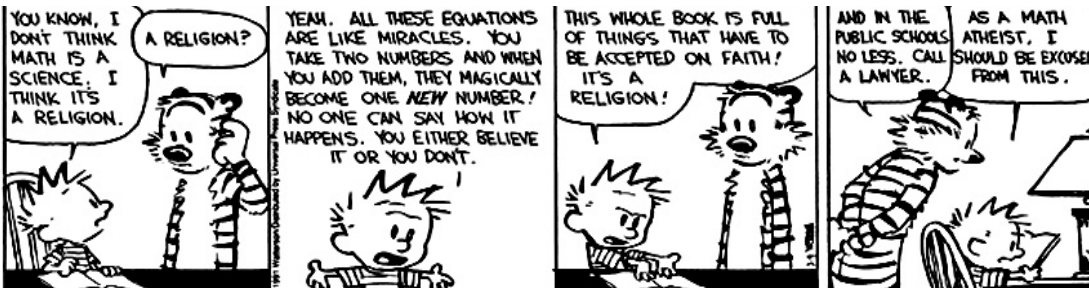
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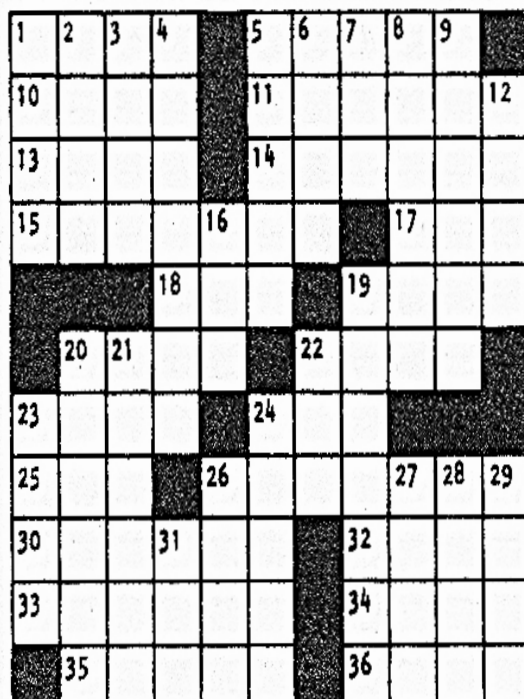
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7	5	6	4	9	8	2	3	1
3	8	1	7	2	6	4	9	5
9	4	2	3	5	1	7	6	8
6	7	9	6	8	2	1	4	3
6	3	8	1	4	7	9	2	5
1	2	4	5	3	9	8	7	6

Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9. A number is Never repeated in a row or column. In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9.





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## Finance

### BRIEFS:

#### Cathay Pacific orders 27 Airbus and Boeing planes:

HONG KONG (AFP) – Cathay Pacific said that it has ordered 27 planes from Airbus and Boeing in a deal worth as much as \$6.55 billion, as the carrier reported a record profit for 2010. The Hong Kong airline said it had struck a deal with European aircraft maker Airbus to buy 15 A330-300s and a separate agreement with US-based Boeing for 10 777-300ERs as it moved to expand its fleet.

The deal also included leasing two more Airbus A350-900s from International Lease Finance Corporation, Cathay said, adding that all the models would be delivered before the end of 2015. Cathay said it was in talks to acquire 14 more planes in addition to those announced, but did not elaborate further.

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#### Toyota targets strong sales in emerging markets:

TOKYO (AFP) – Toyota Motor said it aimed to make half its global sales in emerging markets by 2015, as it sought to begin a new chapter after being hit by millions of recalls and the financial crisis.

The firm said it aimed to double operating profit to 1 trillion yen (\$12 billion) from estimated levels this year "as soon as possible" and would slash its board of directors to 11 from 27 "to improve decision making".

Toyota's "Global Vision" aims to implement lessons learned from the global financial crisis that plunged the automaker into the red, and from the millions of recalls that tarnished its once stellar image for quality



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#### Wall Street insider trading trial picks jury:

NEW YORK (AFP) – The trial of former hedge fund tycoon Raj Rajaratnam began yesterday in New York with the painstaking selection of a jury in a case prosecutors see as an example of Wall Street corruption and greed.

Sri Lankan-born Rajaratnam, 53, used insider information at his Galleon Group fund to earn himself at least \$45 million, prosecutors said after an investigation making extensive use of wiretaps. Rajaratnam, who is free on \$100 million bail, claims he is not guilty.

In federal court, he remained silent, standing once in his dark suit and white shirt to turn and nod as he was introduced to the pool of more than 100 potential jurors.

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## Italy's top bank ready to freeze Libya stake



### Italy's top lender UniCredit said it was ready to suspend voting rights for its Libyan shareholders

MILAN, Italy (AFP) – Italy's top lender UniCredit said it was ready to suspend voting rights for its Libyan shareholders as EU diplomats agreed in principle to slap new sanctions on Moamer Kadhafi's regime.

UniCredit is ready to freeze "the Libyan shareholders' right to vote on its capital" if the Eu-

ropean Union definitively agrees to widen existing sanctions to include Libyan state assets abroad, a bank spokesman said in Milan.

The Libyan state is the biggest shareholder in UniCredit with a 7.582-percent stake including

4.988 percent held by the Libyan central bank and 2.594 percent by the Libyan Investment Authority, a sovereign wealth fund.

Libya's central bank governor is also the vice-president of UniCredit.

Italian business daily Il Sole 24 Ore has estimated the value

of Libya's stake in the bank at 3.6 billion euros (\$5.0 billion).

Libya also holds a 2.01-percent stake in Italian defence and aerospace giant Finmeccanica, 7.5 percent in Juventus football club and an estimated 0.5 percent in energy major ENI, the top foreign oil producer in Libya.

Contacted by AFP, Finmeccanica and Juventus said they were also ready to freeze the stakes held by Libya if the European Union agreed to do this.

EU diplomats said the sanctions were likely to be confirmed later this week.

The European Union has already imposed the toughest international sanctions yet on Kadhafi's regime, ordering asset freezes and visa bans against the Libyan leader and 25 others for brutalising civilians.

## AIG repays \$6.9 billion of US TARP bailout

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Bailed-out insurance giant AIG repaid \$6.9 billion of a US government bailout, using proceeds from the sale of its stake in industry rival MetLife, the US Treasury said.

A Treasury statement said that American International Group used \$6.6 billion of the \$9.6 billion it received from the March 2 MetLife sale to make the repayment to the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP).

The Treasury said that it also received from AIG \$300 million the company had retained from an earlier transaction involving MetLife.

The repayment "will be used to reduce an equal portion of Treasury's remaining preferred equity interests in AIG, which, after today's repayment, stand at \$11.3 billion," the department said.

Once the world's largest insurer, AIG received more than \$180 billion from US taxpayers to help cover investments that collapsed amid the 2008-2009 financial crisis.

The Treasury made a total



### – Bailed-out insurance giant American International Group Inc. (AIG)

cash investment in AIG of approximately \$68 billion through TARP, while the Federal Reserve provided loans to keep the key financial firm afloat.

AIG obtained the MetLife stake last year when it sold its American Life Insurance Company (ALICO) to MetLife for \$16.2 billion, including about \$7.2 billion in cash.

The remaining \$3 billion of proceeds from the MetLife stake sale were placed in escrow and may be used later to repay the Treasury.

"Based on current market prices, Treasury estimates that taxpayers will ultimately recover every dollar

that the US government invested in AIG," the Treasury said.

With AIG's \$6.9 billion repayment, taxpayers have now recovered \$287 billion, or 70 percent, of the total TARP financial aid, Treasury said.

"We're optimistic that as we continue to wind down TARP, our temporary investments in private companies will ultimately result in little or no cost to taxpayers taken as a whole," Tim Massad, acting assistant secretary for financial stability, said in the statement.

### YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer





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Maitre D' Alex adores welcoming his abundant repeat clientele, being five minutes walk from most of Aruba's timeshares has made the place a prime eatery among families with healthy appetites. Their pizza is modeled on the classic thin crust typical of Chicago's Southside, and the secret recipe of a famous pizzeria since 1957, which we dare not name as we might get whacked!

While checking out the locale, Alex introduced us to Sharla and Caroline from Sweden, frequent visitors to Aruba who can't imagine a vacation without several dinner stops at Pizza Bob's. This was the general consensus of all the guests who we spoke with during our time there; all make it a multiple meal choice during their vacation. "I have one couple from Germany who eat here every night of their vacation," confessed Alex, "they are

like family to us!"

Aside from the famous pizzas, the menu features very tasty barbecue, a personal favorite of Caroline, lasagna, Fresh Vegetable Linguini and huge salads that can be shared by two, plus a personal favorite for dessert, "Death by Chocolate." They do sport an air-conditioned dining room, which is popular at lunch time to escape the tropical mid-day sun, but nighttime is the right time to enjoy their outdoor terrace and great music from noted island singer Tommy every Wednesday and Saturday night, which converts the eatery into a congenial hangout until closing time.

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## Bassist from US grunge band found dead



LOS ANGELES (AFP) — Mike Starr, the original bassist with 1990s US grunge-tinged rock band Alice in Chains, has been found dead in Utah, police

have said. He was 44.

Starr's body was found in a Salt Lake City residence, a police spokesman said, while the TMZ celebrity website quoted his father as saying: "It's a terrible shock and tragedy."

An autopsy including toxicology tests will be carried out, said Salt Lake City police spokesman Shawn Josephson, who could not elaborate on the circumstances of the death.

The musician was arrested last month for possession of a controlled substance, TMZ reported, adding that police found painkillers and another

drug in his possession at that time.

Alice in Chains emerged in Seattle in the 1990s around the same time as bands including Nirvana and Pearl Jam, although they were inactive for long periods.

Starr left the band in the 1990s, and lead singer Layne Staley, who suffered from drug addiction, died in 2002.

Tributes were posted on Starr's website, www.wix.com/mikestarr/mike--starr, after his death was reported. "Your music guided me through a very important time in my life. God Speed and RIP!!" said Tanker 43.

## Afghan president jokes he is 'oppressed' by wife



KABUL, Afghanistan (AFP) — Afghan President Hamid Karzai joked that he was "op-

pressed" by his wife during a speech to mark International Women's Day.

Karzai was responding to a question from the female-dominated audience in Kabul asking why his wife Zenat -- a gynaecologist with whom Karzai has a four-year-old son, but who is rarely seen in public -- was not with him.

"I am oppressed at home, you can ask," he said. "The authority is hers. She had the choice to come or not. Had I forced her to come, that would not have been good."

Elsewhere in his speech, Karzai urged Afghan clerics and tribal elders to promote non-violence against women, which he said was in line with the principles of Islam and the Afghan constitution.

Afghanistan has a poor record on women's rights and Karzai's government has recently faced criticism from groups such as Amnesty International after announcing plans to give officials the power to control women's shelters.

Afghan society is still strongly male-dominated, with men the decision-makers in family life, many women still wearing the burqa, and forced marriages common.

However, the picture has improved since the time of the Taliban, when women were banned from leaving the house without a male relative and could not go to school or work.



SINGAPORE-- Mufasa, played by Jee-L Guizonne (L) of France and Young Simba, Leon Matawaran (R) of the Philippines perform during a media preview of the Lion King musical performance in Singapore on March 9, 2011. The award-winning Broadway musical event, the Lion King celebrates its debut in Southeast Asia at the Marina Bay Sands theatre on March 10. The Disney's internationally-acclaimed musical The Lion King has been seen by over 51 million people around the world.

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## Aruba's Sarah-Quita is "2011 PWA World Tour" Champion



This year's "2011 PWA World Tour" took place in Mui Ne, East Vietnam from February 25th to March 5th.

This was Aruban born Sarah-Quita Offringa's first competition for this year and undoubtedly has gotten off to a good start for the young athlete. It is expected that the PWA is returning to Aruba for the celebration of the 25th year of Aruba Hi Winds Pro Am.

Last week Sarah-Quita travelled alone from Amsterdam on a 24 hour flight to Is-

her studies with her windsurfing passion.

Offringa is competing with her "Aru-91" sail, named in honor of her island. "Aru" stands for Aruba and the number 91 is her birth year. This is the first Professional Windsurfers Association championship to be held in Vietnam.

Aruba's Sarah-Quita is the winner of the first slalom feminine discipline. The entire championship was centered on two disciplines,

for just 2 years in the Slalom discipline. She has captured the first place world champion in the Free Style discipline three times already. In 2009 she began participating in the Slalom discipline, held in Alcatraz, Turkey where she captured a third place victory. Last year, 2010, she participated in Korea, Spain, in France and in Turkey where she also scored a third place victory.

She is expected to do great this year seeing she is already listed as a winner in this first PWA event. The most important factor in her game is the wind. Because of her height she usually needs lots of wind to propel her speed.

On Tuesday she returned to the Netherlands to continue her studies. Her family and certainly her country, Aruba, are very proud of her and her recent achievement.

Sarah-Quita's next race is the "2011 Ulsan World Cup Korea," during May 14 to May 20 where she will again compete in the windsurfing Slalom discipline.

Minister of Sport and Health, Richard Visser also congratulated Sarah-Quita Offringa on her tremendous performance.

He indicated that Aruba is proud of our athletes who continue to bring back home important trophies in different athletic disciplines.

Visser also announced that the next PWA championship will be held in June between the 19th and 26th on Aruba and promises to be a huge event, where male champion Bjorn Dunkerbeck will be competing with Sarah-Quita Offringa. This year they will be competing in the Slalom and Free Style disciplines right here on Aruba.

namely, the Slalom and Free Style. However, the freestyle discipline was eliminated for lack of sufficient female participants.

During the nine days, Sarah-Quita participated in 4 different races in which she resulted the first place winner of two of the races. She accumulated 2100 points which were enough for her to be crowned the absolute winner of the Vietnam competition.

She has been participating



tanbul, to Bangkok, to Ho Chi Minh City. This was followed by a 4 hour bus trip to reach Mui Ne where the beach is located.

The 19 year old Sarah-Quita Offringa began her studies in Environmental Science and Innovative Management last August at the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands - a 4 year program. Thus far, she has obtained good marks which show her ability to combine

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## Stella Leslie of Aruba appointed as Secretary of Synchronized Swimming Commission of CCCAN



The President of The Technical Commission of the Synchronized Swimming Federation of Central America and the Caribbean (CCCAN) has recently appointed Stella Leslie-Van Dorenmalen to the post of secretary for the period 2011 - 2015. This means that Aruba now has a permanent representative in this commission.

According to President, Errol Clarke, Stella Leslie will form part of the commission of specialists who will lead the technical development of synchronized sports. For every championship organized under the auspices of CCCAN, the technical commission is in charge of the synchronized discipline.

For Aruba's Swimming Board, the appointment of Stella Leslie to this post is a very significant accomplishment. In the first place, it is recognition of Aruba's long history in the sport of synchronized swimming. Aruba has been involved for many decades in important championships both on a regional and international level. For

several years now Aruba has been the Caribbean champion of all youth synchronized championships: Carifta, CISC and CCCAN.

The Aruba Swimming Board has five judges on the list of officials recognized by FINA, the International Federation of Swimming. Stella is one of Aruba's judges and has the highest qualification on FINA's list in category "A." As a result of her high standing, Stella also served as judge for the Pan-American and World Championship Games in this discipline.

It is a known fact that it is no small feat to be included in the technical commission of CCCAN, so that when the report came from the President, Errol Clarke about Stella's appointment, this was received with great rejoicing in Aruba's Swimming Board.

The CCCAN has a total of 5 technical commissions: swimming, open water swimming, water polo, diving, and synchronized swimming.

The technical commission consists of the following persons, who will be charged with the technical direction of synchronized swimming for the next four years within the Central American and Caribbean region: Irina Perez de Bros (Dominican Republic-President), Stella Leslie (Aruba-Secretary), Norma Platas (Mexico), Cristina Hiller (Costa Rica) and Rose Cody (Puerto Rico). Aruba salutes Stella Leslie and wishes her much success in the execution of this important appointment.



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## Serena calls health crisis 'scariest moment' ever

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - A medical emergency resulting from a blood clot in her lung was "the scariest moment in my life," Serena Williams said Wednesday, but insisted she did not expect the health crisis to hurt her tennis game.

"Luckily enough, I was able to catch it soon enough that my career won't be affected," Williams told NBC television's "Today Show" program.

"I love tennis and now more than anything I have so much to look forward to just playing," she said. "I really just want to come back and do well."

The former world number one and 13-time Grand Slam

singles champion is recovering after emergency surgery to remove the blood clot.

Williams 29, suffered a pulmonary embolism in February and a second health scare last week that required her to undergo an emergency operation at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

She ranks sixth among women on the all-time Grand Slam singles title list, and won the US Open in 1999, 2002 and 2008, Wimbledon in 2002, 2003 and the past two years, the French Open in 2002 and the Australian Open in 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009 and 2010.

## Yuvraj stars as India make heavy weather of Dutch

NEW DELHI, India (AFP) - Yuvraj Singh scored a match-winning 51 not out as India pulled off a five-wicket win against a spirited Netherlands after making heavy weather of a small target in the World Cup on Wednesday.

Chasing 190 under lights, India were reeling at 99-4 after a three-wicket burst by left-arm spinner Pieter Seelaar but scraped through with 81 balls to spare before a packed Firoz Shah Kotla Stadium.

Yuvraj, who also grabbed two key wickets, has come to India's rescue twice in as many games after starring with both the bat and the ball against Ireland on Sunday.

The win maintained India's near-perfect run in the tournament and virtually assured them of a place in the quarterfinals with two more league matches to go.

The Indians are now on top of Group B with seven points following three wins and a tie. Netherlands are in danger of ending up with the wooden spoon, going down to their fourth defeat in a row.

India skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni said: "I don't mind chasing or batting first as long we are winning. We achieved quite a few objectives but there are still some areas we need to improve like the powerplay overs."

Dutch skipper Peter Borren sensed a shock when India were 99-4.

"At 99-4, you never know, sneak a couple of wickets but I am proud of my boys. We have two games coming up (against Ireland and Bangladesh) which are big games for us. Tonight will give us confidence."



India began their chase in style with Sachin Tendulkar (27) belting three fours in a row off Ryan ten Doeschate to become the first player to complete 2,000 runs in the World Cup.

Virender Sehwag scored a

typically aggressive 39 off 26 balls with five fours and two sixes before slicing slow left-arm Peter Seelaar to point where he was caught by Alexei Kervezee.

Seelaar struck twice in his next over to remove Tendulkar and Yusuf Pathan in the space of four balls.

Tendulkar tried to smash the bowler to the long-off boundary but an alert Bradley Kruger swooped down to take a fine catch while Pathan offered a simple return catch, stunning the capacity crowd into silence.

India appeared in deep trouble after Virat Kohli was bowled by captain Peter Borren but Yuvraj and Gautam Gambhir put on 40 runs for the fifth wicket to arrest the slide.

Earlier, spinners Piyush Chawla and Yuvraj shared four wickets while fast bowler Zaheer Khan grabbed 3-20 as the Dutch slipped from a healthy 99-2 to be bowled out off 46.4 overs after electing to bat.



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## Tiger Woods seeing 'good signs' in game

MIAMI (AFP) - Tiger Woods still believes that a return to his best form is just around the corner.

Without a win in 16 months, Woods has endured his share of criticism, but the former world number one insists he remains on the right track.

"I'm seeing some really good signs," the world number five said on Wednesday, on the eve of the World Golf Championships Cadillac Championship at Doral.

"Unfortunately, I just haven't been able to carry it to the golf course yet at a consistent level.

"I hit spurts where I'm really good and then lose it for a while. I just have to keep working on it and the process is at times tough. I'll get

there, but I'm just not to that point yet."

Woods' last victory was at the Australian Masters in November of 2009. Shortly after that victory, his personal life fell apart amid revelations of multiple affairs and he has played just three tournaments this year.

He finished equal 44th at the PGA Tour stop at Torrey Pines, followed by a tie for 20th at the European Tour's Dubai Desert Classic, where he was in contention until he shot a closing 75.

Woods then lost in the first round at the World Golf Championships Match Play event in Arizona two weeks ago.

As Woods spoke about needing to get more tournaments under his belt, he was asked why does he not play

more often.

"Because I have a family," he said. "I'm divorced. If you've been divorced with kids, you would understand."

Left unsaid was that Woods has never played more than a sparse schedule since turning professional in 1996.

If Woods' comments on Wednesday were somewhat predictable, the same cannot be said of his current instructor, Sean Foley, and his previous coach, Hank Haney.

In an interview with Canadagolf, Foley took aim at the critics who have been questioning Woods' swing changes.

"So he's struggling when he's in the hunt," Foley said. "And they say, 'How does Tiger Woods struggle when

he's in the hunt? Look at what he did for so long?'"

"New days. New times," Foley said. "You're absolutely probably an invalid if you don't think what he went through hasn't affected his belief system."

Haney subsequently weighed in, via Twitter, where he wrote: "Maybe Foley should stop talking until Tiger wins 6 more majors under him!"

## Barber cuts short retirement

NEW YORK (AFP) - Tiki Barber, the New York Giants all-time rushing leader, has filed paperwork to return to the National Football League after being retired for four years.

The Giants confirmed Tuesday that the running back, who ranks 22nd on the all-time NFL rushing list with 10,449 yards, has asked to be removed from the retirement list. Barber also had 5,183 re-

ceiving yards in a 10-year NFL career.

Barber, who will turn 36 on April 7, retired in 2006, halfway into a four-year NFL contract worth \$23 million.

New York will release Barber once they are again allowed to make roster moves. During talks to extend the league's collective bargaining agreement with its players union, no player personnel moves can be made.

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